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CURRENT SITUATION	Department of Political Studies, School of Social and Human Sciences, Nova University of Lisbon (NOVA FCSH) 2021-: Assistant Professor 2024-: Director of Undergraduate studies; 2022-2023: coordinator of Erasmus mobility and other exchange programmes. Integrated Researcher, IPRI-NOVA 2024-: Member of the executive board
PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Jan-June 2024: FLAD Visiting Professor, Department of Government, Georgetown University, Washington DC 2016-2019: Invited lecturer at the School of Economics and Business, University of Minho (Braga, Portugal) 2013-2016: Holder of an individual PhD grant from the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT, Portugal) 2012-2013: Policy and research officer at the High Commission for Migration and Intercultural Dialogue (public institute, Portugal).
EDUCATION	PhD (2020), MA (2012) and BA (2009) in Political Science (NOVA FCSH, Lisbon). 2014-2015: Visiting PhD researcher at the University of Siena (Italy). 2007-2008: One semester spent at Complutense University (Madrid) as an Erasmus student.
COURSES TAUGHT (IN PORTUGUESE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Political Inequality in Europe</i> (BA course, Georgetown, 2024) [in English]- <i>Political Sociology</i> (BA course, NOVA FCSH, 2020-2023)- <i>Theories of democracy</i> (BA course, NOVA FCSH, 2016-)- <i>Comparative Political Analysis</i> (BA course, NOVA FCSH, 2021-)- <i>Methodologies in Political Science</i> (PhD course, NOVA FCSH, 2020-) [In English from 2023 onwards]- <i>Electoral systems</i> (BA course, EEG-UMinho, 2016–2019)- <i>Introduction to political science</i> (BA course, EEG-UMinho, 2017/2018)- <i>Comparative Political Systems</i> (BA course, EEG-UMinho, 2017/2018)- <i>Public opinion and political behaviour</i> (BA course, EEG-UMinho, 2016/2017)

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| LEADERSHIP
WITHIN RESEARCH
PROJECTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2021-2024: <i>Mechanisms and Impacts of Non-voting in Portugal</i>. Co-PI jointly with José Santana Pereira (ISCTE-IUL). Funded by the Francisco Manuel dos Santos Foundation. (100,000 grant) - 2017-2018: <i>Voter turnout in Portugal: diagnosis and possible reforms</i>. Funded by Cascais City Council. (10,000 grant) |
| PARTICIPATION
WITHIN RESEARCH
PROJECTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2024-: <i>The Legacy of War in Socioeconomic Dynamics and Human Behavior: Evidence from Former Portuguese Combatants</i>, Funded by FCT (Special call: The 25th of April and Portuguese Democracy), co-led by José Tavares (NOVA SBE) and Henrique Pita Barros (ISEG-ULisboa) - 2019-:2022 <i>ConstiRep: Support for constituencies and political representation in European parliaments</i> , Funded by FCT, led by Enrico Borghetto (University of Florence), Marco Lisi (NOVA FCSH) and Julien Navarro (Lille Catholic University) - 2016-: <i>Varieties of Democracy - Regional Center for Southern Europe</i> , Funded by FFMS, led by Tiago Fernandes (ISCTE-IUL) |
| ARTICLES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Magalhães, P., Cancela, J. (2025) “Political Neglect and Support for the Radical Right: The Case of Rural Portugal”. <i>Political Geography</i> ,doi:10.1016/j.polgeo.2024.103224 - Palau, A., De Giorgi, E., Muñoz, L., Cancela, J. (2023) “Ideological Distance and Parties’ Voting Behavior in Parliament Under Different Economic and Institutional Conditions”. <i>Representation</i> , doi:10.1080/00344893.2023.2237045 - Quaranta, M. Cancela, J., Martin, I. and Tsirbas, Y (2021). “Young citizens, politics and the crisis: evidence from Southern Europe” <i>South European Society and Politics</i>, doi:10.1080/13608746.2021.1991568 - Santana Pereira, J. and Cancela, J. (2020) “Demand without Supply? Populist Attitudes and Voting Behaviour in Post-Bailout Portugal” <i>South European Society and Politics</i>, 25 (2), 205-228. doi:10.1080/13608746.2020.1864910 - Cancela, J. (2020) “Some politics is local: the determinants of engagement in local and national politics across Europe” <i>QOE-Italian Journal of Electoral Studies</i>, 83 (1), 29-44. doi:10.36253/qoe-9530 - De Giorgi, E and Cancela, J.. (2020) “The Portuguese radical left parties supporting government: from policy takers to policy makers? ” <i>Government and Opposition</i>. doi:10.1017/gov.2019.25 - Lisi, M and Cancela, J.. (2019). “Types of party members and their implications: results from a survey of Portuguese party members” <i>Party Politics</i>, 25 (3), 390-400. doi:10.1177/1354068817722445 - Cancela, J., Dias, A., and Lisi, M. (2017). “The impact of endorsements in intra-party elections: Evidence from open primaries in a new Portuguese party” <i>Politics</i>, Vol 37, Issue 2. doi:10.1177/0263395716680125 - Cancela, J., and Geys, B. (2016). “Explaining Voter Turnout: A Meta-Analysis of National and Subnational Elections” <i>Electoral Studies</i>, 42, pp. 264–275. doi:10.1016/j.electstud.2016.03.005 - Magalhães, P.T., Cancela, J., and Moury, C. (2016). “Scattered Clouds in the Horizon of Consensus: Attitudes of Portuguese Parliamentary Elites Towards Europe Before and After the Crisis” <i>Historical Social Research</i>, 41, 4. doi:10.12759/hsr.41.2016.4.173-194 |

- Cancela, J., Dias Coelho, T., and Ruivo, J.P. (2014). "Mapping political research in Portugal: evidence from scientific journals (2000-2012)" *European Political Science*, 13, pp. 327–339. doi:10.1057/eps.2014.18

BOOKS

- Santana Pereira, J. and Cancela, J. (ed.). (forthcoming). *Mecanismos e Impactos da Abstenção eleitoral em Portugal*. Lisbon: FFMS [manuscript submitted]
- Raimundo, F. and Cancela, J. (ed.). (2021). *As Eleições de 1975. Eleições fundadoras da democracia portuguesa*. Lisbon: Assembleia da República
- Cancela, J. (coord.), and Vicente, M. (2019). *Abstenção em Portugal: diagnóstico e hipóteses de reforma* [Voter turnout in Portugal: portrait and horizons of reform], Cascais: Estoril Institute for Global Dialogue [in Portuguese]
- Fernandes, T (coord.), Santana-Pereira, J. Cancela, J., and Sanches, E. (2019). *Instituições e qualidade da democracia. Cultura política na Europa do Sul* [Institutions and the quality of democracy: Political culture in Southern Europe], Lisbon: Fundação Francisco Manuel dos Santos [in Portuguese, to be translated]

BOOK CHAPTERS AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- Cancela, J. (forthcoming) *Elections*, entry in the IPSA Companion to Political Science, edited by Daniel Stockemer, Stephen Sawyer, and Audrey Gagnon. Springer
- Cancela, J., Magalhães P., (2024) 'A (nova) clivagem urbano/rural nas atitudes políticas' In M. Costa Lobo and A. Espírito-Santo (ed.), *O eleitorado português no século XXI*, Lisboa: Tinta da China
- Cancela, J., Matias, A. R and Santana Pereira J., (2024) 'A abstenção em Portugal no século XXI: factores explicativos da participação em perspectiva longitudinal' In M. Costa Lobo and A. Espírito-Santo (ed.), *O eleitorado português no século XXI*, Lisboa: Tinta da China
- Cancela, J. (2023) 'Elections: Institutional Framework and Participation Dynamics' In Tiago Fernandes (ed.), *Varieties of Democracy in Southern Europe, 1960s-2000s: A Comparison between Spain, France, Greece, Italy and Portugal*, South Bend: Notre Dame Press (Kellogg Institute Series on Democracy and Development)
- Santana Pereira, J. and Cancela, J. (2022) "Demand without Supply? Populist Attitudes and Voting Behaviour in Post-Bailout Portugal" *South European Society and Politics*, 25 (2), 205-228. doi:10.1080/13608746.2020.1864910
- Cancela, J. 'Uma questão de método: o impacto do sistema eleitoral nas eleições para a Assembleia Constituinte de 1975', in Filipa Raimundo and Cancela, J. (ed.). (2021). *As Eleições de 1975. Eleições fundadoras da democracia portuguesa*. Lisbon: Assembleia da República
- Cancela, J. (2020) 'Bridging the Gap? The Relationship between the Socialists and the Radical Left before and after the Government Deal' In Marco Lisi, André Freire, Emmanouil Tsatsanis (ed.), *Political Representation and Citizenship in Portugal: From Crisis to Renewal*, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books
- Cancela, J. (2020) 'Cartografia de um declive: a geografia da participação eleitoral nas eleições portuguesas (1975-2019)' ['Cartography of a slope: the geography of electoral turnout in Portugal (1975-2019)'] In T. Fernandes e R. Branco (ed.), *A Democracia Portuguesa 45 anos depois*, Lisbon: Assembleia da República
- Cancela, J. and Magalhães, P.C. (2020) 'As bases sociais dos partidos portugueses' ['The social bases of Portuguese parties'] In Tiago Fernandes e Rui Branco (eds.), *A Democracia Portuguesa 45 anos depois*, Lisbon: Assembleia da República

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cancela, J. (2018). 'Eleições: Quadros Institucionais e Dinâmicas de Participação' In Tiago Fernandes (coord.), <i>Variedades de Democracia na Europa do Sul, 1968-2016: Uma Comparação entre Espanha, França, Grécia, Itália e Portugal</i>, Lisboa: Imprensa de Ciências Sociais [in Portuguese] - Lisi, M. and Cancela, J. (2017). 'Ativismo e participação nos partidos portugueses' ['Activism and participation in Portuguese parties'] In Marco Lisi e Paula Espírito-Santo (coord.), <i>Militantes e Ativismo nos Partidos Políticos. Portugal em Perspetiva Comparada</i>, Lisboa: Imprensa de Ciências Sociais [in Portuguese]
PUBLISHED WORKING PAPERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fernandes, T., Cancela, J., Coppedge, M., Lindberg, S., and Hicken, A. (2015). "Measuring Political Participation in Southern Europe: The Varieties of Democracy Approach" (V-Dem Working Paper Series, 15)
WORK IN PROGRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Borghetto, E., Lisi, M., Navarro, J., Cancela, J.. "Who cares for young people? An analysis of parliamentary questions in France and Italy" (draft version available upon request) - Cancela, J.. "Electoral aftershocks: the effects of an earthquake in a multilevel political setting" (draft version available upon request; presented at MPSA 2023) - Espírito-Santo, A. Cancela, J.. "Can a female leader prop up political involvement among women? Evidence from Germany, 2000-2019" (under development) - Magalhães, P., Cancela, J. "Far from the Madding Crowd: Urban/Rural Divergence in Portuguese Political Behavior" (under development) - Cancela, J., Santana Pereira, J., Matias, A. "20 years of non-voting: an extreme bounds analysis of turnout in Portugal, 2002-2022" (under development)
OTHER PUBLICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cancela, J., Santana Pereira, J., and Narciso, J.B. (2023) <i>Afinal, quantas pessoas se abstêm em Portugal?</i> ['How many non-voters are there in Portugal?'] (policy paper), Lisboa: Fundação Francisco Manuel dos Santos - Gorbunova, E. and Cancela, J. (2018). <i>Accountability after Crisis: Portugal (Policy report)</i>, London: City University of London. ISSN: 9781903957370. - Oliveira, C.R. (coord.), Carvalhais, I.E. and Cancela, J. (2014). <i>Political parties openness to immigrants in Portugal: between the opportunity structure and the individual perceptions</i>, Lisboa: Alto Comissariado para a Imigração e Diálogo Intercultural - Oliveira, C.R., Cancela, J., and Fonseca, V. (2013). <i>Family reunification in Portugal: the law in practice - country report: Portugal</i>, Lisboa: Alto Comissariado para a Imigração e Diálogo Intercultural
ASSISTANCE IN REFEREED PUBLICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Branco, R. and Fernandes, T., with Cancela, J. and Dias Coelho, T. (2012) "Démocratisation et société civile. Leçons de l'expérience portugaise", <i>Pôle Sud</i>, 37, pp. 9-23.

PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2013-present: <i>Varieties of Democracy</i> (University of Gothenburg and Kellogg Institute). Principal Investigators: Michael Coppedge, Staffan Lindberg, John Gerring, Jan Teorell. Regional manager for Southern Europe: Tiago Fernandes. Main tasks: country coordinator for Spain (2018-) and Malta (2013-) - 2018-2019: <i>Accountability After Economic Crisis</i> (City University of London.). Principal Investigator: Iosif Kovras. Main tasks: completing a policy report on the economic crisis and its aftermath in the Portuguese context. - 2017-2018: <i>Opposition parties in Europe under pressure. Far from power, close to citizens?'</i>. Principal Investigator: Elisabetta De Giorgi. Main tasks: data collection and analysis. Co-writing papers about the behaviour of opposition parties in Portugal. - 2012-2014: <i>Technocratic and non-partisan ministers in European democracies</i> (Universidade Nova de Lisboa). Principal Investigator: Pedro Tavares de Almeida. Main tasks: data collection - 2011-2013: <i>Civil Society and Democracy</i> (Universidade Nova de Lisboa). Principal Investigator: Pedro Tavares de Almeida - 2009: <i>State, School and Diversity</i> (Universidade Nova de Lisboa). Principal Investigator: Maria Margarida Marques. - 2008-2009: <i>The Portuguese MPs in Comparative Perspective: Elections, Leadership and Representation</i> (Instituto Universitário de Lisboa). Principal Investigator: André Freire.
SUPERVISIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2021-2026 (expected): PhD supervision of Irina Branco da Silva. Thesis title: <i>Diffusion of mindfulness-based training in the legislatures and public policies in the US, the UK and the EU: implications for political decision-making</i> - 2021-2025 (interrupted): PhD co-supervision of Jilson Moreira. Thesis title: <i>A eficácia da política local de integração dos migrantes: Os casos de Lisboa e Sintra</i>. ('The efficacy of local migration integration policies: the cases of Lisbon and Sintra') - 2024-2025 (completed): MA supervision of Janine Simão. Thesis title: <i>Os assuntos europeus no contexto parlamentar: a Comissão de Assuntos Europeus da Assembleia da República</i> ('European Affairs in the Parliamentary Context: The Committee on European Affairs of the Portuguese Parliament') - 2022-2024 (completed): MA supervision of Ana Cunha. Thesis title: <i>For the sake of the voiceless: música e o seu ativismo como veículo das Relações internacionais</i>. ('Music and activism as a vehicle of International Relations') - 2022-2024 (completed): MA supervision of Maria Eduarda Loureiro Thesis title: <i>A relação entre política interna e política externa: o caso alemão 2017-2023</i> ('The relation between internal and external politics: Germany 2017-2023') - 2020-2022 (completed): MA supervision of Rafael Souza. Thesis title: <i>The social construction of illiberal regimes and identity politics in globalisation</i>
SHORT COURSES ATTENDED (SELECTED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - July 2023: <i>Experimental Economics</i> (12 hours). Instructor: Seda Ertac (Koc University) - September 2018: <i>Econometric Models with Stata: Policy analysis</i> (8 hours). Instructor: Pierre Hoonhout. (ISEG-ULisboa) - April 2017: <i>Data Processing Automation with Phyton</i> (16 hours). Instructor: Ludwig Krippahl. (FCT-UNL)

- June 2015: *Text Analysis for Applied Social Science* (15 hours). Instructor: Molly Roberts (University of California, San Diego)
- April 2015: *Scientific Text Processing with L^AT_EX* (16 hours). Instructors: José Alferes and João Lourenço (UNL). Nova Doctoral School, FCT-UNL
- March 2015: *Social network analysis*. (12 hours). Instructor: Ivo Veiga (UNL). 3rd Lisbon Winter School in Research Skills and Methods, NOVA FCSH
- July 2014: *Spatial data analysis*. (10 hours). Instructors: Albert Esteve and Antonio López-Gay (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona). 1st Summer School in Survey Methodology, Pompeu Fabra University
- July 2014: *Multilevel modelling* (10 hours). Instructor: Leonardo Grilli (University of Florence). 1st Summer School in Survey Methodology, Pompeu Fabra University
- April 2014: *Measuring and explaining democracy* (8 hours). Instructor: Staffan Lindberg (University of Gothenburg and University of Florida). NOVA FCSH
- March 2014: *Data Analysis in R* (12 hours). Instructors: António Manuel Rodrigues and Enrico Borghetto (UNL). 2nd Lisbon Winter School in Research Skills and Methods, NOVA FCSH
- March 2014: *The Essentials of Qualitative Research: Ethnography, Biographies and Family Histories* (12 hours). Instructors: José Mapril and Frederico Delgado Rosa (UNL). 2nd Lisbon Winter School in Research Skills and Methods, NOVA FCSH

CONFERENCES ATTENDED AS PAPER-GIVER

- 2024: MPSA (Midwest Political Science Association)
- 2023: MPSA (Midwest Political Science Association)
- 2021: IPSA (International Political Science Association)
- 2018: APCP (Portuguese Political Science Association), ECPR
- 2016: APCP, ESA (European Sociological Association), AECPA (Spanish Association of Political and Administrative Science)
- 2014: APCP
- 2012: APCP; IPSA
- 2010: APCP

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Electoral Studies (6×); *Análise Social* (3×); *Frontiers in Political Science* (3×); *Political Behavior* (3×); *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* (2×); *European Political Science Review* (3×); *Party Politics* (2×); *Political Studies* (2×); *European Political Science* (2×); *American Journal of Political Science*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Democratization*; *Election Law Journal*; *European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology*; *European Journal of Political Research*; *German Politics*; *Global Society*; *Italian Political Science Review*; *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies*; *Journal of Politics*; *Latin American Research Review*; *Letters in Spatial and Resource Sciences*; *PLOS One*; *Politics*; *Political Geography*; *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*; *Relações Internacionais*; *Representation*; *Sociologia*; *State and Local Government Review*.

SOFTWARE SKILLS	Data manipulation and analysis with MS Excel, SPSS, Stata and R. Analysis of spatial data and cartography with GeoDa and R. Social Network Analysis with Gephi and R. Setting up basic websites using HTML and GitHub. Limited experience with databases (MySQL and PHP). Typesetting with L ^A T _E X.
LANGUAGES	Portuguese (native), English (advanced user), Spanish (advanced user), French (basic user, mostly reading), Italian (basic user, mostly reading).
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	Member of the 2024-2026 cohort of the Young Scientists' Seminar (Academy of Sciences of Lisbon) 2024: member of the jury for the award of the best dissertation in Political Science and International Relations (Portuguese Political Science Association) Media contributions to:
MEDIA OUTREACH	Interviewed by media organizations and podcasts from Portugal (<i>Público</i> , <i>Expresso</i> , <i>Visão</i> , <i>Lusa</i> , <i>Renascença</i> , <i>Diário de Notícias</i> , <i>TSF</i> , <i>Antena 1</i> , <i>Observador</i>) and abroad (<i>Le Nouvel Obs</i> , <i>BBC</i>).
FAMILY CONTEXT	Father of two, born in December 2017 and March 2021.

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